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1. BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON NORWEGIAN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. MUNICIPAL AND LABOR MINISTER LEIF AUNE: THE RANKING OFFICIAL
ON THE VISIT WAS BORN IN BODO, NORTH NORWAY. HE IS 51
AND AN ECONOMIST BY PROFESSION, WHO HAS COMBINED AN ACTIVE LABOR
PARTY POLITICAL CAREER WITH AN OUTSTANDING CIVIL SERVICE CAREER
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FINANCE AND REGIONAL PLANNING IN
NORTH NORWAY. HE WAS MUNICIPAL AND LABOR MINISTER IN 1971-72
AND RETURNED AGAIN IN 1973. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST ADMINISTRATORS
IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

B. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND: MRS. BRUNDTLAND,
36, WAS NAMED ENVIRONMENT MINISTER IN AUGUST 1974 AND HAS LED
AN ACTIVE NEW MINISTRY SINCE. THROUGH HER INITIATIVE THE NOR-
WEGIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED AT THE LAST MINUTE TO DELAY OFFSHORE
OIL DRILLING ALONG NORTH NORWAY UNTIL PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL
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PROTECTIVE MEASURES WERE IN PLACE. IN 1975 SHE WAS NAMED VICE

CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING LABOR PARTY. SHE IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR BY PROFESSION, HAVING RECEIVED A M.A. IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM HARVARD IN 1965.

C. COMMITTEE CHAIR MAN ALF JAKOB FOSTERVOLL: FOSTERVOLL 44, HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN SINCE JANUARY 1976 WHEN HE LEFT HIS FORMER POST AS DEFENSE MINISTER. HE IS FROM KRISTIANSUND AND FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER. MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY. HE WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1969. AN ABLE DEFENSE MINISTER, HE LED THE SUCCESSFUL FOUR-NATION NATO EFFORT TO PURCHASE THE US F-16 FIGHTER PLANE. HE HAS MANY FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

D. THORBJORN BERNTSEN: CHAIRMAN OF THE OSLO LABOR PARTY, AT 42 BERNTSEN HAS RISEN FROM THE IRON AND METAL WORKERS UNION TO BECOME ONE OF NORWAY'S RISING POLITICIANS. SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH.

E. OTTAR VEOX: UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FROM TROMSO, NORTH NORWAY, BROX IS 44 AND A LEADING MEMBER OF THE LEFTIST SOCIALIST LEFT PARTY. HE IS A CIVIL AGRONOMIST BY PROFESSION AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

F. MARTIN BUVIK: FROM TROMSO, NORTH NORWAY, BUVIK IS 53, AND A FORMER PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVANT. MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS AN ACCOMPLISHED RECOUNTUR.

G. ARNT HAGEN: FROM MOLDE IN CENTRAL NORWAY, AND MEMBER OF THE AGRARIAN CENTER PARTY, HAGEN 48, HAS BEEN IN PARLIAMENT 10 YEARS. HE VISITED THE US SOME 10 YEARS AGO AND SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH.

H. KRISTEN MYKLEVOLL: LABOR PARTY WOMEN'S LEADER FROM TROMSO, NORTH NORWAY, SHE IS 47 AND A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1973.. SHE RECENTLY VISITED THE US ON A LEADER GRANT WHERE SHE WAS INTERESTED IN US POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE. FAIR ENGLISH.

I. OLE MYRVOLL: NEW FOLK PARTY LEADER, 65, ECONOMICS PROFESSOR RECENTLY MAYOR OF BERGEN AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTER (1963, UNCLASSIFIED

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1965-71), HE HAS TAUGHT AT COLGATE AND VOWDOIN COLLEGES.

J. ANTON SKULBERG: CENTER PARTY REPRESENTATIVE FROM OSLO, 55, IS A PROFESSOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE.

K. JOHNNY STENBERG: RAIL ROAD CONDUCTOR FROM TRONDHEIM, MIDDLE-NORWAY, HE IS LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVE AND 51 YEARS OLD. ENGLISH FAIR.

L. JOHANNES VAGSNES: CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVE, 53, FROM TROMØY, SOUTHERN NORWAY, HE IS A FARMER AND LONG TIME ACTIVE IN MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

2. ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE COMMITTEE SECRETARY STEIN INGE SPURKLAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MUNICIPAL AND LABOR MINISTRY KAARE HALSEN, ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY UNDER DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN HAMBRO. NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY HEAD ENGINEER ARNE FLIKKE, WHO IS WELL VERSED AND HAS CONSIDERABLE US EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENT MATTERS, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL OIL DIRECTORATE FREDRICK HAGEMANN, NORWEGIAN TV CORRESPONDENTS TOR STEIN AM AND HERBJORN SØREBO, AND HANS BØHNSØY OF THE NORWEGIAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE. ALL HAVE GOOD ENGLISH.
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